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Organic Certifications Pvt. Ltd.

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Dear Esteemed Operators,

Warm Greetings from Aditi Organic Certifications Pvt. Ltd.

This is to bring to your attention an important clarification issued by APEDA regarding heavy metals in organic products certified under the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP).

It has been observed that organic products may contain varying levels of certain heavy metals as naturally occurring contaminants. To avoid misinterpretation on permissible levels, please take note of the following requirements:

**For Domestic Trade (within India):**

All operators shall comply with the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), specifically the Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Regulations, 2011, which prescribe limits for contaminants, including heavy metals. Compliance with these regulations is mandatory for the marketing and distribution of organic products within India.

**For Export Consignments:**

Certification under NPOP does not exempt products from the food safety regulations of the importing country. Exporters are required to ensure compliance with the maximum permissible levels for heavy metals as prescribed by the relevant legislations of the destination market.

We request all our certified operators to take due note of the above while planning production, trade, and exports. Certification Bodies will consider this during risk assessment and while issuing Transaction Certificates.

We sincerely thank you for your understanding and support.

For any further clarification, please feel free to contact us.

With kind regards,

For Aditi Organic Certifications Pvt. Ltd

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